Resolution F12-003 – Creating a joint GSA-GPSS ad hoc Committee to Study Graduate Student Mental Health and Counseling Needs and Improve Care.

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**Whereas** more than half of graduate and professional students use the Mental Health and Counseling Department of the Yale Health Plan during their time at Yale, and

Whereas mental health care remains a persistent point of concern to graduate students, and

**Whereas** the Mental Health and Counseling Department completed a regular external review last year, and

**Whereas** the GPSS has approved creating an ad hoc committee with GSA to investigate how Mental Health and Counseling Resources can best meet graduate student needs, and

Whereas a combined statement by the two bodies would exert greater influence on health policymakers at the Yale Health Plan,

Therefore be it Resolved by the Graduate Student Assembly that a joint GSA-GPSS ad hoc committee be created and charged with investigating graduate student needs and possible care improvements, and

Be it Further Resolved that this committee shall present its findings and disband no later than April 1, 2013.